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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Briefing by the Director of the CIA Subcommittee of
House Armed Services - 23 May 1967**

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1. The Director, accompanied by [REDACTED] met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services. The meeting commenced at 9:00 a.m. and ran until 10:00 a.m. Present from the Subcommittee were:

L. Mendel Rivers
Philip J. Philbin
William H. Bates
Melvin Price
Porter Hardy, Jr.
William G. Bray
Charles E. Bennett
Charles A. Halleck

Both Russ Blandford and Phil Kelleher from the staff were present. Prior to the hearing there was a sweep of the room and there was monitoring during the hearing. As usual, no transcript was taken.

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2. The Director went through the item of Cuban Subversive Activities in Latin America verbatim. There were a few questions which Mr. Helms and [REDACTED] were able to handle.

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3. Mr. Bray inquired about Agency involvement in the sale of M-16 rifles to Singapore. Mr. Helms at first indicated he would have to check into this but [REDACTED] stated he had checked this just recently and there was no truth to the story that CIA was involved in any way.

4. The Director then briefed on the situation in the Middle East. In response to a question, he indicated that our activities in the area in general were limited [REDACTED]. He gave the background of the current situation pointing out the Syrian attacks, the Israeli reprisals, Nasser ordering the UN emergency force out, and finally his announcement overnight about closing the Gulf of Aqaba. He commented in general that the military readiness and quality of the Israeli forces are high and that they should be competent to deal with Egypt at this time if matters came to a show-down.

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